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SUBJECT: EIICHI NISHIMURA SWORN IN AS DIRECTOR GENERAL, LAND  
UTILIZATION AGENCY

1. LOWER HOUSE MEMBER EIICHI NISHIMURA (AGE 76) JOINED  
CABINET JUNE 24 AS FIRST DIRECTOR GENERAL OF NEWLY  
CREATED NATIONAL LAND UTILIZATION AGENCY SCHEDULED  
TO BEGIN FUNCTIONING JUNE 26. UPPER HOUSE MEMBER  
ICHIRO YAMANOUCI (AGE 61) WAS NAMED DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
GENERAL FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS. NEW AGENCY TO CON-  
TROL LAND USE WAS CREATED BY DIET AT END OF LAST  
SESSION (TOKYO 7256).

2. SPEAKING TO PRESS AFTER ATTESTATION CEREMONY AT  
PALACE MONDYA AFTERNOON NISHIMURA INDICATED THAT  
AGENCY WOULD DEVOTE INITIAL EFFORTS TO BROAD ASPECTS  
OF PLANNING FOR NATIONAL LAND USE. PUBLIC EXPECTS  
NEW AGENCY, INTER ALIA, TO TAKE EFFECTIVE STEPS TO  
CURB LAND SPECULATION, AND PERHAPS EVEN REDUCE RESULT-  
ING INFLATIONARY INCREASE IN LAND PRICES.

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3. NISHIMURA HAS BEEN ELECTED TO LOWER HOUSE NINE

TIMES FROM OITA SECOND DISTRICT. AN ELDER STATESMAN IN PRIMIN TANAKA FACTION, NISHIMURA HAS SERVED PREVIOUSLY AS WELFARE MINISTER IN IKEDA CABINET (1962-63) AND CONSTRUCTION MINISTER IN SATO CABINET (1966-67).

4. YAMANOUCHI WAS REELECTED TO SECOND TERM IN UPPER HOUSE FROM NATIONAL CONSTITUENCY IN 1971. HE IS AFFILIATED WITH SHIINA FACTION. ON GRADUATION FROM TOKYO UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF ENGINEERING HE ENTERED MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION, WHERE HE ROSE TO HIGHEST CAREER POST, ADMINISTRATIVE VICE MINISTER, BEFORE RETIREMENT AND SUBSEQUENT ENTRY INTO POLITICS.

5. FORMER FINMIN KOSHIRO UEKI WAS NAMED TO SUCCEED NISHIMURA AS CHAIRMAN OF LDP FINANCE COMMITTEE.

6. COMMENT: CREATION OF NEA AGENCY SO SOON AFTER AUTHORIZATION BY DIET MAY HAVE BEEN DESIGNED TO DEMONSTRATE GOJ DETERMINATION TO DEAL WITH VEXING PROBLEMS OF LAND USE AND PRICES, WITH HOPE THAT MOVE MAY PROVE SOMEWHAT BENEFICIAL TO LDP CAUSE IN CURRENT UPPER HOUSE ELECTION CAMPAIGN. HOWEVER, MAINICHI EDITORIAL, WHICH CALLED ON NISHIMURA TO ASSIGN TOP PRIORITY TO CURBING LAND PRICES, QUESTIONED WHETHER PRIMIN HAS FULLY ABANDONED IDEA OF REMODELING ARCHIPELAGO, WHICH MANY OBSERVERS CRITICIZE AS MAJOR INSPIRATION FOR SPECULATION IN LAND IN FIRST PLACE. END COMMENT.  
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